

Gentlemen, I am an instrument rated private pilot in Montana who seldom uses conventional airports. The majority of my flying utilizes fields and a few areas that would be called primitive strips. I own a Cessna 180 with the typical modifications including an 88" three blade propeller. Those of us who own such equipment realize the noise we sometimes create. When in noise sensitive areas, we make adjustments to lower the noise signature. However, due to the type of flying I do, noise is one of the trade off's required for maximum STOL performance. Other types of aircraft designed for maximum speed are noisy in certain flying regimens as well. The U.S.A. is the world's leader in aviation, not a follower. Europe has it's own set of unique problems that are not found here. It is senseless to follow the regulations of a continent whose attitude toward general aviation is so very contrary to our own. I feel this proposed regulation will be harmful to aviation in general and extremely harmful to aviation in the less populated areas of the United States.